

MINUTES
UTAH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEETING
288 North 1460 West – Room 125
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116
August 15, 2003
9:30 a.m.

UTAH WATER QUALITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

David Echols	Ron Sims
Jay Olsen	J. Ann Wechsler
Mayor Joe Piccolo	Bill Williams
Neil Kochenour	Dianne Nielson

DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Don Ostler, Walt Baker, Faye Bell, Tim Beavers, Sid Curnow, Mike Hanson, Bill Moellmer, Shelly Quick

OTHERS PRESENT

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization Representing</u>
Valerie Hopper	Elsinore Town
Jennica Scott	Elsinore Town
Gary Mason	Sevier County
Laura Lockhart	Utah Attorney General's Office
Curtis Ludvigson	Rural Water
Rex Ausburn	Citizen
Aliesha Nielson	Country Estates Owner
Paul Wilson	Twin Creeks SSD Manager
Paul Berg	Sowbey & Berg Engineering
Phil Wright	Wasatch County Health Dept Director
Matt Evans	Mapleton
Craig Mackey	Monroe City

Chairman Williams called the Board meeting to order at 9:35 AM. He welcomed those in attendance and invited the members of the audience to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2003 MEETING

Corrections were noted by the Board on the minutes of the June 13, 2003 meeting. They were, listing George Dyches and Dave Bailey from Moroni Feed, not Moroni City. On page. 3 under Moroni City, in the motion, Mr. Olsen was noted as being a member of the Board of Moroni Feed. He is an owner.

Action Taken: It was moved by Dr. Kochenour, seconded by Mr. Echols and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2003 meeting as written.

Status report on the Kennecott Natural Resource Damage Claim Settlement Agreement:
Dianne Nielson, Ph.D., State Natural Resource Damage Trustee, addressed the Board to inform them that a treatment proposal for contaminated ground water in the Southwest Jordan Valley was provided to her for approval. The proposal from Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation and the

Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District will undergo a public review and comment period soon, prior to a final decision by the Trustee.

LOAN PROGRAM

Financial Assistance Status Report – Mr. Curnow updated the Board on the “Summary of Assistance Program Funds” as outlined on page 2.1.

Twin Creeks Special Service District loan approval (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Hanson introduced Ms. Nielsen, owner of the Country Estates Mobile Home Park, Paul Wilson, District Manager and Phil Wright, Wasatch County Health Department. Twin Creeks Special Service District (TCSSD) is requesting funding assistance in the amount of \$463,000 for the construction of a sewer line from the Country Estates Mobile Home Park to an existing trunk sewer. This project will alleviate the existing failed on-site wastewater disposal system at the mobile home park as well as serve additional homes in the TCSSD. An attempt was made to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the county. Unfortunately, the 2003 CDBG funds have already been allocated and none are currently available to assist with this pressing problem. During the June 13, 2003 Water Quality Board meeting, a number of concerns were raised by the Board. Staff addressed each of the concerns. Dr. Kochenour expressed concerns of loaning funds at 0% interest.

Motion: Mr. Sims moved that the Board approve the staff recommendation, to provide a \$418,000, 0% interest, 20-year loan and a \$45,000 hardship grant to TCSSD, subject to the special loan conditions. The motion was seconded by Mayor Piccolo and was approved by the Board. Opposing the motion was Dr. Nielson and Ms. Wechsler.

Monroe City (ACTION ITEM) – Mr. Beavers introduced Craig Mackey, Monroe City, Val Hopper, Elsinore Town, and Gary Mason, Sevier County. Monroe City is requesting that the Water Quality Board waive the repayment requirement for its \$60,000 Hardship Grant Planning.

During the spring and summer of 2002, the costs for the project were estimated and funding authorizations obtained from PCIB and the WQB. The estimated residential costs of over \$30 a month were then presented in public meetings. The residents had thought the monthly cost would be \$10-\$15 and public support for the project began to cool. Another survey was sent to the residents and out of a total of 1,093 surveys, 648 were returned. Nearly 65% of the returned surveys were against the project. In response to the public sentiment, Sevier County withdrew its support resulting in Monroe City and the Sevier County Special Service District notifying the WQB Executive Secretary that they are relinquishing their funding authorizations. Mr. Mackey expressed how sorry he was to be making this request to the Board. He had expected to be constructing the project by now, but due to the lack of support by the citizens he felt they could not proceed with the project. As a result they have no way to repay the planning advance that was received from the Board. Dr. Nielsen suggested postponing payment of the planning advance to in the future if/when Monroe City constructs the project. Mr. Beavers said that procedure has been followed in the past.

Motion: Mayor Piccolo moved that the Board approve to continue the obligation of Monroe City to repay the \$60,000 planning advance until which time a sewer project is initiated in the community. The motion was seconded by Dave Echols and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mapleton City (1st Hearing) – Mr. Beavers introduced Matt Evans from Mapleton City. Mapleton City is requesting financial assistance in the amount of \$1,100,000 for the design and construction of its proportionate share of an upgrade to the Spanish Fork wastewater treatment

facility and to purchase equity in the same facility. Spanish Fork is upgrading its wastewater treatment facility. Mapleton will purchase 23% of the current plant's equity and participate in 23% of the cost for the upgrade of the plant. Dr. Nielson asked that staff confirm with Spanish Fork that no other state funding has been awarded for this upgrade.

WASTEWATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

Adoption of the FY 2004 SRF Intended Use Plan: Mr. Curnow explained to the Board that the public comment period for the IUP expired on July 17, 2003 and no substantive comments were received. Staff recommends that the Water Quality Board adopt the FY 2004 IUP.

Motion: Dr.Kochenour moved that the Board approve staff's recommendation, to adopt the FY 2004 IUP as previously submitted. The motion was seconded by Ron Sims and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Adoption of the Wastewater Project Assistance Program Priority List: Ms. Quick explained this list identifies the environmental priority of the wastewater projects currently being considered for funding. No comments were received by the public on this list during the comment period.

Motion: Dr.Kochenour moved that the Board approve the Wastewater Project Assistance Program Priority List as presented by Ms. Quick. The motion was seconded by Dave Echols and was unanimously approved by the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Adoption of proposed changes to R317-2, Standards of Quality for Waters of the State: Mr. Moellmer explained to the Board that a public hearing was held on June 6, 2003 to consider proposed changes to *R-317-2 Standards of Quality for Waters of the State* with the appropriate comment period. Because of public written comments received and statements given at the public hearing staff has made additional changes in the proposed water quality standards. Staff is requesting approval to solicit public comment on the proposed changes.

Motion: Mr. Sims moved to approve staff's request to take changes back for public comment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wechsler and was unanimously approved by the Board.

Appointment to the Community Impact Board: Mr. Williams informed the Board that due to Nan Bunker's term expiring as a member of the Board, he has asked Mr. Rob Adams to now represent the Board at all future CIB meetings.

2002 User Charge Survey: Mr. Baker presented the latest statewide user charge survey to the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next Water Quality Board meeting will be held on September 2, 2003 at the Bear Lake Garden Gate Inn (Lower Level) in Garden City, Utah at 1:30 p.m.

William Williams, Chairman